

District 11 minutes March 9th 2023

Meeting started at 6 pm

Bob D open up the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Secretaries Report:

Dana sent out the minutes from Feb. meetings.

Pam W. wanted to make it be none, she suggested the district send money to Area 73 and GSO.

Stew B. accepted the minutes as written, Julie V. 2nd all in favor.

Treasurers report:

Shannon L. submitted report Michelle accepted the treasurers report and Linda W. seconded all in favor. Treasurers report was sent out. The budget was also email. Stew suggested to continue to list the money listed by groups every month. Shannon planned on doing that.

Old business:

Talked about what to do with money the district has. Discussion about bringing the budget from 2022 into 2023. The question was asking if there was any money in the budget for donating to any for profit, we do not donate to for profit business's. Stew brought up, should we leave the money in the budget for a District 11 founders day picnic? Should the group contributions still be the same.

We did vote to have a founders day picnic. Dana K., Sue S., Marlene M. volunteered to be on the Founders Day picnic committee. We will keep the district updated. Dana offered to possibly have it at her house in Martinsburg. Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous.

\$1000.00 of group contributions is in the budget. We may want to lower the groups contribution on the budget, to foresee what we are going to except from group contributions. This is just for an estimated budget. Volunteers for budget committee are Bob D., Stew B. Pam W., Shannon G. .

Money still needs to be decided if the district is contributing to GSO and Area 73.

Some groups are opposed to sending money to GSO and Area 73. It was brought up that while some groups can give, many smaller groups cannot give. Districts that can give take up the slack for the groups that can't.

Members:

Have a dance or events every quarter for the district. Showing the newcomer that we can have fun insobriety. Literature order to hold at the district meetings so groups can purchase as needed.

It was suggested that the DCM bring back the treasurer's report from the Spring Assembly to see where the money for the Area goes.

Talked about ordering literature for groups to distribute as they like. The literature that would be held at the district meeting cabinet would be sold to groups.

If groups have any other suggestions, please bring them to the next district meeting.

1 800 list will be given to Area 73 alt Delegate. We have a good list. Yeah district 11.

Order forms and AA literature cost forms were sent out, for groups to begin to order the deadline for orders is pushed back until the April meeting. Please contact Stew B. stew9@comcast.net if you need any more information.

Committee reports:

A & T: Carrie H. everything is going well with setting up speakers for MRC. Hopefully we will get speakers back in to the detox.

Corrections: no report

Grapevine: Joi T. - AAGrapevine.org has tons of info on the variety that Grapevine has to offer. The magazine itself is a portable meeting. I have been given older magazines to hand out so I do not need to purchase any. Our former Grapevine rep has some more for me as well. Let's continue to repurpose our gently used magazines for newcomers. Pat does an awesome corner segment in our district newsletter on the Grapevine as well. Thx!

Literature: Stew B. extending combined order due by April District meeting. Dana made a suggestion to see what the groups combined orders are then if the district needs to order literature to keep at the district meeting we will add that in to make sure we get the free shipping. We will discuss if we are going to give groups books. Discussion was made about the tax. Stew takes care of the cost and some groups may get money back if the order is less than originally ordered. It is impossible to determine the discounted prices for books when we don't know how many books are being ordered until every ones order is in. Do Groups have to add tax??? I was unclear about this.

Newsletter: Pat is having problems getting the newsletter off. She would like to pass it on.

Public Information: No report

Workshop: Linda made flyers. The theme of the workshop. Being a GSR is No joke but it will keep you sober! April 1st 118 East Martin St. food will be served. 11:30 to 1:30? We will have a panel to talk about their experience on being a GSR. Dana will order GSR literature. The food will be pot luck if you would like to bring something please reach out to Dana 304-676-2052 or Linda 304-279-2295. Flyer was emailed out.

Group Reports from Groups that where present or emailed reports:

Eye opener Group: Marliene M. Redid chip script and meeting format to keep it more inclusive. They have chairpeople and alt chair people. Non smoking signs put up to smoke behind the building. They would like to buy more literature and have some Spanish literature available. Have a new Alt GSR Cheryl who will be going to the Spring Assembly.

Behind the Star: Pam W. edited their meeting script; they are letting the host decide on what literature they want to use to start the meeting. They would like the district to send money to Area 73 and GSO. Said no to the district book order they have someone that drives to Baltimore to get books for them. They will decide when they are going to contribute to the district and their monthly group business meeting. They have 5 names on the 800 list that will be sent to Bob D. They do not want to give any books to any for profit organizations.

Early after work friends of Bill W.: Amanda is the new GSR, Carrie stepped down.

Berkeley Springs Group: Greg F. Attendance has increased. They don't want to donate any literature to for profit organizations.

H.O.W. Group: How Group is doing well & growing in homegroup members. We have several celebrations of continuous sobriety coming up this month. They do wish to do a book order.Thx.

Saturday Night Group Inwood:

Bob D. reported that the nobody knows if they have a GSR.

Marlowe: reported to Dana that at this time they do not have a GSR.

Paw Paw Group: Ben reported their attendance is low which is normal. They are considering contributing to District 11 when attendance starts picking up.

Outright Mental Defectives: Saturday nights at 9:30 Snyders Bible Church. They average around 7 to 10 people. Their record is 21 in attendance. Sometimes just 2 or 3. They need Where and When meeting schedules.

Women on a Journey Group: Sue S. They meet via zoom average 15 people per meeting. They have new faces at each meeting. They recognize milestones of recovery. They are currently updating their home group list. The list for book orders was sent to all group members.

Campfire Circle Group: Michelle S. Meet Friday night 8:00, in the basement of the Cacapon Lodge. They are down to 4 homegroup members. They will move back outside the first Friday in April.

Batt Shelter Group: Ben, Meeting on Sundays at 5:00 pm. They are meeting at the boat house. They have food afterwards. They cook hotdogs. They have coffee and lights now.

New Business:

Julie suggested we put the minutes to each meeting on our website and down the road having the newsletter on our website. Dana will send minutes to Rusty to put on website each month. Rusty our web master celebrates 6 years today. Making a meeting minutes tab on our website under the district tab.

Sue S. had a question. About the district having a zoom account for members to use to host meetings. The district does not have a virtual account for all meetings

have access to. Some districts have an account that groups can use. It was discussed groups should be self-supporting. The question was, can the district have a virtual meeting platform for all groups to use. Bob suggested we kick that over to the budget committee. Possibly having the district meeting at the EPRF so more GSR's could attend. It was also mentioned that during covid when the district 11 meetings were virtual only the attendance was extremely low. We discussed and will bring that back next month.

Bob D. will be attending the Assembly March 24,25 and 26th. If you know of any members in District 11 that have passed since the Fall Assembly that was Sept 16, 17 and 18th 2022 please get those name to Bob D. at rwderby1961@gmail.com. At the Assemblies before the start of the business meeting, Area 73 reads off the names of all those members that have passed on. Area 73 will read the names of all members that have passed on in Area 73 by district.

Julie made motion to adjourn, it was seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM

Group Contributions:

District 11, PO box 1831 Martinsburg, WV 25402

Area contribution:

Area 73, PO Box 461, Morgantown, WV 26507-0461

General Service Office, (make check payable to GSO), PO Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

Next meeting will be at Snyders Bible Church, 10980 Martinsburg Rd. Hedgesville.

6:00 PM April 13, 2023. Keep in mind it is always the 2nd Thursday of the month, same place same time.

Respectfully submitted.

Dana Knowles